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Book announcement

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General

Mushrooms of Yunnan. By Z.-L. Yang, X.-H. Wang & G. Wu. 2022. Science Press of Beijing. www.sciencep.com. ISBN 978-7-03-72402-1. 368.00 元. 378 pp. in Chinese.

This book gives a first introduction to the rich mycoflora of Yunnan, in southwestern China. Yunnan stretches from the (sub)tropics in the south (bordering Myanmar and Laos) to the high mountain ranges in the northwest, near the border with Tibet. The huge plant and vegetation diversity, related to the variety in terrain, has also caused a unique and diverse funga, which is still insufficiently known. 548 species were selected to represent the diversity of Basidiomycota and mushroom forming Ascomycota in this book. Each species is illustrated with an in-situ photo, and short descriptions (in Chinese) accompany the photos. To give you an idea about the content, more than 80 species of boletes are included, and 37 milkcap species in the genera *Lactarius* and *Lactifluus*.

The book starts with very short introductions to the mushrooms of Yunnan and mushroom morphology, followed by the bulk, i.e., the photos and descriptions of the selected species in alphabetical order by genus, whereas references, a list

of the photographers and indices to the Chinese and scientific names make up the rear end of the book. As a non-Chinese speaker I cannot comment on the quality of the descriptions.

It is a pleasure to leaf through the book, as the quality of the photos is high, and the photos transplant me to this area again. I had the pleasure of two short mycological visits to Yunnan, five and 15 years ago.

The only draw back of the book is its girth and weight; it is too big and heavy to pack into a backpack or carry-on.